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Letter dated 11 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention a statement on the recent developments in Serbia and Montenegro/Kosovo issued on 10 March 2005 by the Presidency of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement on the recent developments in Serbia and Montenegro/Kosovo, issued on 10 March 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union has noted the indictment issued by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia against Mr. Haradinaj and welcomes his decision to resign as Prime Minister of Kosovo and go voluntarily to The Hague.

Full and unreserved cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia remains an essential requirement for further movement of the Western Balkans towards the European Union.

The European Union calls on everyone in Kosovo and elsewhere in the region not to exploit this indictment for their own ends. All violence is unacceptable and will delay the political process under way.

The European Union calls on Kosovo's political forces to act as swiftly as possible to form a new government that is able and determined to continue the effective implementation of the standards laid down by the United Nations. The European Union remains committed to continuing the political process, which should, in mid-2005, lead to the full evaluation of the progress achieved. Movement towards a process to determine the future status of Kosovo in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) will depend on the positive outcome of that evaluation.

The European Union repeats that Kosovo will not return to the pre-1999 situation.